



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2006, time for responding to which being extended to April 23, 2007, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.